

Annex 1

Composition of the Team

His Excellency Mr Festus Mogae (Chair) Botswana

President Mogae trained as an Economist at the Universities of Oxford and Sussex in the United Kingdom. He served his country in a number of capacities including as Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Development Planning from 1975 to 1976. He became Alternate Governor for Botswana at the International Monetary Fund, African Development Bank, and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development from 1971 to 1976.

He was Governor of the Bank of Botswana from 1980 to 1981. From 1982 to 1989 he was Permanent Secretary to the President, Secretary to the Cabinet and Supervisor of Elections. He was appointed Minister of Finance and Development Planning in 1989 and became Vice President in 1992, until 31 March 1998 when he became the Third President of the Republic of Botswana. President Mogae has served on the boards of various parastatals as well as corporate organisations. He has been involved in a number of community oriented initiatives and is Chairman of the National AIDS Council (launched 30 March 2000). Among a significant number of national and international honours and awards, President Mogae won the Mo Ibrahim Prize for African leadership for ensuring 'stability and prosperity' in 2008.

Shana Kaiser (Canada)

Shana Kaiser has worked with the Electoral Processes Programme at International IDEA since early 2008 and has worked with many aspects of electoral processes during this time including direct democracy mechanisms, electoral justice, social media and electoral processes and capacity development for electoral management bodies. Prior to her work with the COG, she has observed elections in Côte d'Ivoire and the Ukraine.

Thomas Kwesi Quartey (Ghana)

Kwesi Quartey has just retired as Ambassador of Ghana to Ethiopia, the African Union and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, after a career spanning more than 30 years in the Ghana Foreign Service.

Hon Justice Carl Singh, OR, CCH (Guyana)

Since 1995, Justice Carl Singh has been a member of the Judiciary of Guyana. He presently holds the position of Acting Chancellor and Head of the Judiciary. Justice Singh is the President of the Court of Appeal of Guyana and by virtue of his position as the Acting Chancellor he is also the head of the constitutionally-established Judicial Service Commission. This body is responsible inter alia, for the appointment of Judges and magistrates.

Dr SY Quraishi (India)

Dr Quraishi is a former Election Commissioner and Chief Election Commissioner of India (2006–2012). In this role he introduced a number of innovative electoral reforms,

established an Expenditure Control Division and a Voter Education Division in the Commission. He also founded the India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management to professionalise election management and share it with the emerging democracies of the world. Dr Quraishi has delivered lectures on democracy and elections at numerous fora worldwide including a number of universities like Harvard, Yale, Pennsylvania, California, North Carolina in the US and Cambridge and London in UK. He has been recently appointed on the Board of Advisors of International IDEA and he was also a Member of the Advisory Committee to assist and advise the Global Commission on Elections, Democracy and Security, headed by Mr Kofi Annan (2010–12). Previously he observed elections in Russia and South Africa.

Fabian Brown (Jamaica)

Brown is one of the founding directors of the Citizens Actions for Free and Fair Elections, Jamaica's local election observer group. He is involved in the on-going youth, social and community transformation of various rural and urban communities. He is the founder and CEO of Value Added Services Limited and the Value Added Services Foundation. and the immediate past president of the Young Entrepreneurs Association of Jamaica. His major areas of focus includes: strategic management, music and entertainment, social development, change management, resource mobilisation, programme facilitation, communication and organisational management; and continues to add productive value within the public, private and the social services sectors of Jamaica and the Caribbean.

Nancy Tembo (Malawi)

Nancy Tembo is a Commissioner on the Malawi Electoral Commission. Previously she was a Member of Parliament, where she also served on the Public Accounts Committee and the Parliamentary Committee on Health. She has served as the Chairperson of the African Parliamentarians Network Against Corruption – Malawi Chapter and has been an active participant in the fight for gender equality in Malawi. Nancy Tembo has also previously worked in the private sector and for the Reserve Bank of Malawi.

Ilham Mohamed (Maldives)

Miss Mohamed is Head of Transparency International in the Maldives, building on a strong background working on financial management and transparency initiatives. From 1997–2007 she worked at the Ministry of Finance and Treasury holding several positions including Assistance Undersecretary for Economic Affairs and Policy Planning and Director overseeing and fund raising from overseas development assistance groups and commercial lenders. She advised the Minister and Deputy Minister on the external debt environment of the country by preparing and forecasting future borrowing and projects to be assigned foreign funding. Miss Mohamed holds a Masters in Gender Studies from the University of London and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Toronto.

Tahura Titi Gabi (Papua New Guinea)

Tahura Gabi is a senior journalist from Papua New Guinea. She has worked in television, including anchoring a daily news programme and hosting a talk show. She attained a

Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from the University of Papua New Guinea. In the last two years, Tahura has worked as a freelance journalist. She is also a Media Monitor in the South Pacific region, having been trained by the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) in Apia, Samoa and Honiara, Solomon Islands. Ms Gabi also chairs a media monitor online group called the Pacific Freedom Forum and is responsible for the creation of the new PNG Media Workers Association. She has covered three National Elections as a reporter in Papua New Guinea whilst with television and radio.

Hon Jacqueline Muhongayire (Rwanda)

Jacqueline Muhongayire is currently a Member of Parliament representing Rwanda in the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) – East African community (EAC) and Member of the Committee on Regional Affairs and Conflicts Resolutions. She is a Former Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Rwanda and one of the founding Members of the Rwandese Women Parliamentarians Forum (RWPF). She has observed the Southern Sudan Referendum in 2011 and different elections in the EAC Region.

Miatta French (Sierra Leone)

Miatta French is one of the five members of the National Electoral Commission of Sierra Leone. She has previously served the Commission as head of its Outreach and External Relations Unit and as Director of Operations. She has observed elections with the African Union and the Mano River Union. Before joining the Commission, she worked with a range of local and international organisations and donor partners in research, advocacy, public information and administrative positions. She is an accredited BRIDGE (Building Resources in Democracy, Governance and Elections) facilitator and a Chevening Fellow.

Raenette Taljaard (South Africa)

Raenette Taljaard is a part-time commissioner of the Electoral Commission of South Africa and senior lecturer, Public Policy University of Cape Town. She holds a BA (Hons) in Law; MA in International Relations, University of Johannesburg; MSc in Public Policy and Public Administration, London School of Economics. From 1999–2004, she was Member of South African Parliament including: 2002–04 as Shadow Minister of Finance. Ms Taljaard is a Yale World Fellow; Fellow Emerging Leaders Program, Duke University and UCT; African Leadership Initiative Fellow, Aspen Institute. She lectures and writes on private military and private security companies and political accountability questions. She is a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum and serves on the World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council for Africa.

Hon Dr Didas John Massaburi (Tanzania)

Hon Dr Didas John Massaburi is the Mayor of Dar es Salaam. Hon Dr Massaburi also a Board Member of the Commonwealth Local Government Forum and President of the Association of Local Authorities of Tanzania.

Joshua Wamala (Uganda)

Joshua Wamala is currently the Head of Election Management at the Uganda Electoral

Commission. He has over twenty years of experience in the field of election management, mainly focusing on voter registration, nomination processes, election planning and logistics, boundary delimitation and management of election results. He has previously been an election observer in a number of countries, including the United States of America, India, Namibia, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi and Kenya. He previously worked as a research officer with the Uganda Constitutional Commission, a body which spearheaded the drafting of a new constitution for Uganda. He holds a Master of Statistics degree from Makerere University and qualifications in Management.

Kaye Oliver, CMG, OBE (United Kingdom)

Miss Oliver was a diplomat until 2002. She spent 16 years in Africa including as Ambassador to Rwanda and Burundi and as High Commissioner to Lesotho. Miss Oliver was part of the Commonwealth Observer Groups to Kenya, Nigeria, Swaziland, Rwanda, Burundi and Zambia. She is a Director of Electoral Reform International Services (ERIS) in the UK.

Samira Sawlani (United Kingdom)

Samira Sawlani is a freelance journalist and Humanitarian Aid Worker. She has written for a number of publications in Africa and the Middle East and has previously worked for the Commonwealth Secretariat, Red Cross Uganda, UNHCR and the Royal Commonwealth Society. A holder of an MA in International Studies and Diplomacy, Samira's areas of focus are politics and society in African countries, International Conflict and Refugee Care.

Elias Chipimo (Zambia)

Elias Chipimo is an Opposition leader in Zambia and heads the National Restoration Party. As a lawyer and founding Partner of Corpus Legal Practitioners, Zambia's largest legal firm, he co-established in 1993, one of the nation's longest standing local human rights NGO's, Zambia Civic Education Association. He is a Rhodes scholar and a graduate of the University of Zambia and Oxford University. He retired from private practice in 2009. In 2010 he published 'Unequal to the Task?'. In general elections in Zambia in 2011, he stood as the country's youngest presidential contender in a field of 10 candidates and emerged fifth.